WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Sugarcane-Based Cropping System

1029. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on sustainable development of sugarcane-based cropping system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds earmarked under the scheme;

(d) the States where the scheme is proposed to be implemented; and

(e) the details of steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (e) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) was continued in Ninth Plan till October, 2000 in various sugarcane growing States of the country. The main components were Field demonstrations, Training's Assistance for Implements, Seed Multiplication, Heat treatment Plant & Drip irrigation infrastructure. However, from October, 2000 the said Scheme has been subsumed under Macro-Management Mode of Agriculture Development along with other 26 Schemes to give more flexibility to the States and implement the Schemes/ programme on the basis of the State priorities and requirement. Funds are allocated to the States in lump sum for all the 27 schemes and not provided on the basis of individual Crops.

Water crisis due to drought

†1030. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken various long term and short term measures in order to deal with the water crisis arising out of drought situation in certain States due to scanty rainfall;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the water crisis is likely to be solved as a result of short term, measures; and

(d) the States which have been benefited thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Department of Drinking Water Supply is implementing the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) under which funds available to the States every year for supply of drinking water in rural areas. The Department of Urban Development is implementing a similar scheme for supply of drinking water in urban areas. Also, emergency supply of drinking water including transportation of water in urban areas is a legitimate charge on the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF).

The availability of drinking water in some of the States was reviewed recently and steps were taken for movement of drinking water through railway wagons to the affected areas in Rajasthan. The availability of drinking water in various States is constantly monitored.

Development of rice strains

1031. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether super rice strains would be coming this monsoon which would double or treble the present yield; and

(b) if so, the details regarding development of such a variety of rice strains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise, Sir.

Jute production

1032. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of jute production in the country during the last three years, State-wise;